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S.B. 429, An Act Concerning Service of Restraining Orders

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding S.B. 429, *An Act Concerning Service of Restraining Orders*. The Branch has a concern with Section 1(g) of the bill before you.

The Judicial Branch believes that the following language, which appears in H.B. 5054, Section 3(h)(2), would best address the logistics and costs of serving a restraining order in instances when the respondent is in possession of a firearm:

(2) When (A) an application indicates that a respondent holds a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, a long gun eligibility certificate or an ammunition certificate or possesses one or more firearms or ammunition, and (B) the court has issued an ex parte order pursuant to this section, the proper officer responsible for executing service, prior to serving such order, shall (i) provide notice to the law enforcement agency for the town in which the respondent will be served concerning when and where the service will take place, (ii) send, or cause to be sent by facsimile or other means, a copy of the application, the applicant's affidavit, the ex parte order and the notice of hearing to such law enforcement agency, and (iii) request that a police officer from the law enforcement agency for the town in which the respondent will be served be present when service is executed by the proper officer.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.